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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Foreign Affairs Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee on Afghanistan - 27 July 1982 (U)

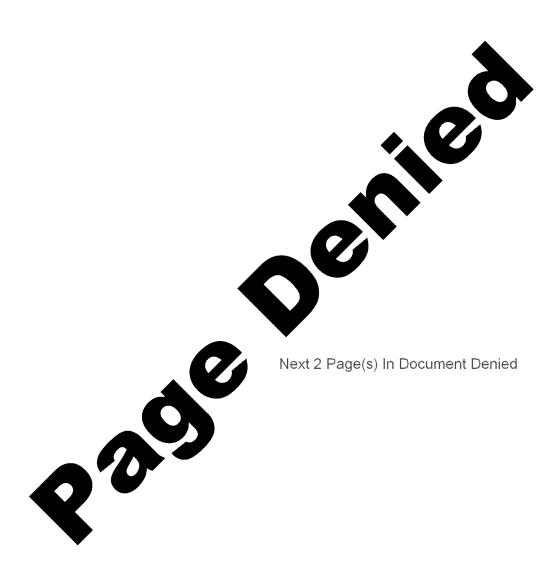
1. On 27 July 1982 Charles Waterman, National Interaction and South Asia, and Office of Near East and S Members of the House Foreign Affairs Asian and Pacific Affahanistan. Representatives from DIA and State also part was held in Room 2200 Rayburn House Office Building and	outh Asian Analysis, briefed ffairs Subcommittee on ticipated. The closed briefing	25 X 1
1600 hours. No transcript was taken.		25X1
2. Members present included:		25X1
	el Pritchard (R., WA) bert Lagomarsino (R., CA)	
Representative Don Ritter (R., PA) attended as a guest of	the Subcommittee.	
3. Present from the full Committee and Subcommit	tee staffs were:	25 X 1
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	n Sloan, Representative Pritchard's staff	
4. Charles Harris, INR/Department of State, attend and three other DIA representatives.	ed as did	25X1 25X1
5. Mr. Waterman began by responding to several cat the Subcommittee in their letter to us. He said that the U. defeat the insurgents and gave some reasons for their probl what might develop there over the next six months to a yea in the Afghan political scene and touched on the problems i discussed the insurgents and covered both their problems an also described the policy of Pakistan to the Afghan situatio of the U.S.S.R. with regard to the Afghanistan problem.	S.S.R. lacks the strategy to em. He gave the prospects of r. He mentioned the divisions n the Afghan Army. Next he ad their achievements. He n and the long term strategy	25 X 1
Defense Intelligence Officer for Mi the principal spokesman for DIA. He was assisted by three number of Soviet troops currently in Afghanistan and descripperations they were currently using. He added that the So combat burden to the Afghan Army but it was reduced in st offered the view that there is an increased trend toward cogroups. Next covered the Soviet casualty figures.	colleagues. He discussed the ibed the type of combat viets were trying to shift the rength and ineffective. He operation among the insurgent	25X1 25X1
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significant percentage resulted from disease. He said that DIA did not believe that the Soviets were willing at present to commit the number of troops, a ratio of about 10 to 1, that would be able to defeat the insurgents. He concluded that the years ahead would be difficult for the U.S.S.R. and the Afghan insurgents since both seemed to be committed to a long struggle.	25 X 1
7. Mr. Harris was the final witness. He spoke about negotiations sponsored by the UN in Geneva indicating that they were nothing more than a public relations gesture. He described the Soviets' attitude in U.S. talks in Moscow on the situation as "unyeilding."	25 X 1
8. During the question and answer period, the Members asked about the sources from which the insurgents obtain their arms and ammunition. They asked about the cost of the war to the U.S.S.R. and were told that it is about \$2 to \$3 million per day. Another question dealt with the reasons for the differences between the Parcham and Khalqi factions. Both CIA and DIA responded to questions about the insurgents' demands for and use of weapons including SA-7s, and the sources from which the weapons come. Representative Ritter talked about his contact with insurgent leaders, especially a new younger type of leader stressing his view that they needed more weapons. There were no follow-up items.	25X1
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